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I Have already stated my objection to the Secretary of State for this project and would like to object to it.

This is some of the best growing soil, Hanslope Series, for wheat production in the UK and has been very well farmed in the 50 years that I have lived in this village. Having worked as an agronomist, and the site being 300 metres from my property I can see what a terrible loss it would be for food production, decimation of the countryside and well being for the local community.

Not in recent years has the centre of Berden flooded but I can foresee with all this glass in periods of heavy rain, and when the soil has reached field capacity, 64000 litre of water per acre pouring off the fields and the drains unable to take that amount of water the village returning to the possibility of flooding again.

My comments are totally related to the subject for which I am qualified, and the many other reasons demonstrate why this protect should be refused. There are plenty of other areas re the one near Stansted Airport and roofs where panels can go without taking land out of agricultural production. Finally, the effect this application on the mental health of neighbours is tremendous through the fear of losing the beautiful countryside.

I cannot believe that any official can support this application when for the next 40 years all we will see is panels 3 metres in the air.

David Nicholls